(b) if so, the steps taken to provide proper protection to them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) There have been incidents of harassment, intimidation, obtrusive surveillance and violence against the personnel of High Commission of India, Islamabad and their family members by the operatives of the Pakistan intelligence agencies.

Government have lodged strong protests and conveyed deep concern to Pakistan on all these incidents. Such actions are in violation of the basic norms of diplomatic conduct and are totally unacceptable.

Government of India have called upon the Government of Pakistan to fulfil its commitments both under the vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 as well as the Bilateral Code of Conduct for Treatment of Diplomatic Personnel of 1992. Under the international conventions and the bilateral agreement, responsibility for ensuring the safety of diplomatic missions and personnel lies with the host Government. We have urged the Government of Pakistan to take effective measures to respect their obiligations and fulfil their responsibilities in ensuring the safety & security of the personnel of our Mission in Islamabad. On our part we scrupulously follow the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and Bilateral Code of Conduct.

Chinese Nuclear Equipment Sale to Pakistan

14. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to news reports that China is selling nuclear equipments to Pakistan once again;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to counter such threats to country's security?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL):(a) Yes, Sir. Government has seen news reports on the transfer of nuclear equipment by China to Pakistan.

(b) and (c) Government are fully aware of the clandestine nature of Pakistan's nuclear weapon programme. The security situation of India is constantly under review particularly in the light of developments in the neighbourhood. Government will take all necessary measures designed to cope with any threat that may be posed to the secuirty of the nation.

Restructuring and Revival of Hindustan Shipyard, Visakhapatnam

15. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has given representation for capital restructuring and revival of Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam;

(b) the assistance sought for and proposed to be released; and

(c) the policy of direct support for survival of Indian ship building yards?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRIT.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, while forwarding on 15.7.96 the representation of Telugunadu Trade Union Council (TNTUC) unit, Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Visakhapatnam had requested for capital restructuring of HSL and continuing the Government assistance for shipbuilding industry.

Action has since been initiated by the Government to process the proposals relating to capital restructuring of HSL and re-introduction of subsidy scheme.

Asian Land Transport Infrastructure Development Project

16. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to UN-ESCAP (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific), India would benefit from the Asian Land Transport Infrastructure Development (ALTID) Project